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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 53

Introduced by Assembly Member Dymally

December 4, 2006

~~An act to amend Section 131019 of the Health and Safety Code, relating to public health. An act to add Section 14132.02 to the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 53, as amended, Dymally. ~~Office of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education. Medi-Cal: acupuncture.~~

Existing law provides for the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care benefits, including outpatient acupuncture services, to the extent federal matching funds are provided for acupuncture. Under existing regulations, an individual is limited to a maximum of 2 acupuncture services in any one calendar month, as provided.

This bill would provide, notwithstanding any other provision of law, that the total number of acupuncture services covered under the Medi-Cal program shall not exceed 24 services per year, but would, subject to this limitation, prohibit the department from limiting the number of covered acupuncture services that an individual may receive per month.

~~Existing law establishes an Office of AIDS in the State Department of Public Health, and requires that the office be responsible for the~~

coordination of state programs, services, and activities relating to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), and AIDS related conditions (ARC).

~~This bill would rename the Office of AIDS the Office of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education, and would require that the department establish within the office 6 regional HIV/AIDS centers, as prescribed. The bill would require the department to fund culturally and linguistically appropriate outreach programs in each of those regional centers designed to significantly increase rates of early HIV/AIDS testing, and provide individuals who test positive for HIV or AIDS with appropriate referrals for care and medical treatment. The bill would require the department to work collaboratively with community-based organizations focused on HIV/AIDS prevention services, and to utilize all available private services and existing partnerships to conduct outreach to populations that typically have little or no exposure to HIV/AIDS information.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14132.02 is added to the Welfare and
- 2 Institutions Code, to read:
- 3 14132.02. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the
- 4 total number of acupuncture services covered pursuant to
- 5 subdivision (a) of Section 14132 shall not exceed 24 services per
- 6 year.
- 7 (b) Subject to subdivision (a), the department shall not limit the
- 8 number of acupuncture services that an individual may receive
- 9 per month.
- 10 SECTION 1. ~~Section 131019 of the Health and Safety Code~~
- 11 ~~is amended to read:~~
- 12 131019. (a) (1) There is in the State Department of Public
- 13 Health an Office of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education. The
- 14 State Department of Public Health, Office of HIV/AIDS Prevention
- 15 and Education, shall be the lead agency within the state, responsible
- 16 for coordinating state programs, services, and activities relating
- 17 to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), acquired immune
- 18 deficiency syndrome (AIDS), and AIDS related conditions (ARC).
- 19 Among its responsibilities, the State Department of Public Health,

1 Office of AIDS, shall coordinate Sections 120875, Section 120880,
2 Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 120800), Chapter 4
3 (commencing with Section 120900), Chapter 6 (commencing with
4 Section 120950), Chapter 8 (commencing with Section 121025),
5 Chapter 9 (commencing with Section 121050), Chapter 10
6 (commencing with Section 121075), Chapter 11 (commencing
7 with Section 121150), Chapter 12 (commencing with Section
8 121200), Chapter 13 (commencing with Section 121250), and
9 Chapter 14 (commencing with Section 121300), of Part 4 of
10 Division 105. Any reference in those provisions to the State
11 Department of Health Services or the State Department of Public
12 Health shall be deemed to be a reference to the Office of HIV/AIDS
13 Prevention and Education within the State Department of Public
14 Health.

15 (2) The State Department of Public Health shall establish within
16 the Office of HIV/AIDS Prevention and Education six regional
17 centers to coordinate its programs, services, and activities, which
18 shall be organized as follows:

19 (A) Coast Region: Del Norte, Humboldt, Marin, Mendocino,
20 San Luis Obispo, San Mateo, Santa Barbara, Santa Cruz, Sonoma,
21 and Ventura Counties.

22 (B) Bay Area Region: Alameda, Contra Costa, Napa, San
23 Francisco, Santa Clara, and Solano Counties.

24 (C) Central Valley Region: Fresno, Kern, Kings, Merced,
25 Sacramento, San Benito, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Tulare
26 Counties.

27 (D) North Region: Alpine, Amador, Butte, Calaveras, Colusa,
28 El Dorado, Glenn, Inyo, Lassen, Madera, Mariposa, Modoc, Mono,
29 Nevada, Placer, Plumas, Shasta, Sierra, Siskiyou, Sutter, Tehama,
30 Trinity, Tuolumne, Yolo, and Yuba Counties.

31 (E) Metro Region: Los Angeles County and Orange County.

32 (F) Southern Region: San Diego, Imperial, San Bernardino, and
33 Riverside Counties.

34 (b) The State Department of Public Health shall fund culturally
35 and linguistically appropriate outreach programs in each of the six
36 regional centers designed to significantly increase the rates of early
37 HIV/AIDS testing, and provide appropriate referrals to individuals
38 who test positive for HIV or AIDS for care and medical treatment.
39 The State Department of Public Health shall also work
40 collaboratively with community-based organizations focused on

- 1 ~~HIV/AIDS prevention, and shall utilize all available private~~
- 2 ~~resources and existing partnerships to conduct outreach to~~
- 3 ~~populations that typically have little or no exposure to HIV/AIDS~~
- 4 ~~information.~~